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Jain Muni arrives in city from Shravanabelagola

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Jain community members taking out a procession welcoming Acharya 108 Sri Prasanna Sagara Muni and his entourage in city this morning.

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (GA&BCT)- Mysuru city witnessed a spectacular showcase of traditional hospitality today as the city's Jain community members warmly welcomed the esteemed Acharya 108 Sri Prasanna Sagara Muni and his entourage at Fountain Circle this morning.

Acharya 108 Sri Prasanna Sagara Muni, also known as 'Antarmana' Acharya, is a Digambara Jain Muni. He was initiated as a Digambara monk by Acharya Vidyasagar ji on April 18, 1989, in Paryapt, Rajasthan.

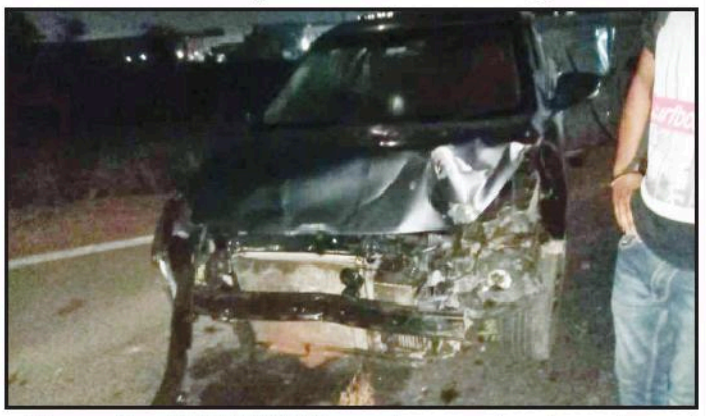
Arriving at 7.30 am from Shravanabelagola, the revered Seer was greeted with profound reverence by the Jain community leaders, alongside Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda and KR MLA T.S. Srivatsa. Organised by the Sri Digambar Jain Samaj, Mysuru, the event drew hundreds of devotees who joined in the procession.

The grand reception and procession began at Fountain Circle where the jubilant Jain community members performed traditional rituals and a Poornakumbha welcome. Procession, accompanied by folk art and Nandi Dhwaja, Dollu Kunitha and Kamsale passed through Ashoka Road, Kote Anjaneyaswamy Temple in front of the Mysore Palace and reached M.L. Jain Boarding and Sri Parshwanatha Digambara Jain Mandira.

(See MUNI on page 7)

Poll official injured as car rams into check-post

Driver flees spot, abandoning vehicle



Veerabhadrappa

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (BLU&VNS)- Election officials stationed at a check-post along the Hootagalli — KRS Road near Koorgalli, adjacent to the NIE, were jolted by a startling incident when a speeding Verna car (KA-03-MQ-1300) collided with the check-post, injuring an on-duty official around 12.30 am today.

The injured official is Veerabhadrappa, a Junior Assistant at CESC. He has sustained a fracture to his right leg as he was struck by the speeding vehicle when it entered the check-post.

Fortunately, other personnel at the check-post were unscathed from the collision. Veerabhadrappa was shifted to a private hospital in Jayalakshmipuram, where he underwent surgery this morning.

According to authorities, Veerabhadrappa's condition is stable. In response to the incident, Deputy Commissioner and District Electoral Officer Dr. K.V. Rajendra visited the hospital to inquire about Veerabhadrappa's well-being.

Veerabhadrappa's son, Shivarudraswamy, informed *Star of Mysore* that his father underwent surgery for his fractured leg this morning and urged authorities to take action against the speeding driver.

Meanwhile, V.V. Puram Traffic Police visited the spot, conducted inspection, seized the vehicle and conducted a spot mahazar.

The Police have registered an FIR and initiated a search for the accused, who fled the scene, abandoning the vehicle.

Rejuvenation of four lakes begins amidst scorching summer heat

Water bodies at Mysore Pinjrapole Society, T. Katoor, Gollanbeedu Sargur at Bogadi and Gujjegowdanapura

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (GA&BCT)- As the scorching peak of summer descends upon Mysuru, the city finds itself grappling with the harsh reality of severe water scarcity, amplifying the existing challenges in water management.

Amidst this pressing concern, the imperative for lake desilting and rejuvenation emerges as a critical priority to confront the impending crisis head-on. Spearheading this vital initiative is the Bharatiya Jain Sanghatan (BJS) Mysuru chapter, which has embarked on the ambitious task of desilting four lakes across the Mysuru district under the project banner 'Jain Jal Kranti'.

(See REJUVENATION on page 7)

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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Sunday 28th April 2024

Young voter promotes planting of saplings for first-time voters

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (VNS) - Srujan Dinesh, a young voter in Mysuru, has cultivated a unique habit of planting a sapling so as to remember taking part in the festival of democracy.

Srujan, who cast his vote for the first time during the Assembly polls held last year and had planted a Campa (Sampige) sapling at his house, has now planted another sapling after voting for the Lok Sabha elections on Apr. 26.

Srujan has urged the young voters, who have voted for the first time, to commemorate the same by planting a sapling. He said it was important for everyone to take part in the voting process to build a strong nation.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

People often use the words intuition and premonition interchangeably. But the meanings of these two words are quite different. So is the feeling. Intuition is the ability to understand something instinctively, without the need for conscious reasoning. Whereas premonition is simply a strong feeling that something is about to happen.

An intuitive person relies on his life and work experiences to guide him. Intuition is rooted in human experience. In contrast, premonition is an un-scientifically explained feeling that something (bad or good) is about to occur. It is characterised by fear or expectation. Being endowed with clairvoyant capabilities is the realm of psychics, not physicists. People who claim they can predict the future need to be transparent about how they go about doing it. They seldom are. This field is rife with charlatans. Intuitive people are common. Fortune-tellers don a garb of mystery which awes their followers.

All recent research on intuition proves that it is clearly present and a working faculty of the human mind. Intuition is very much a part of everyday life; precognition is a 'gift' that people 'claim to have' without providing any proof of doing so. It is esoteric knowledge. The difference between an intuitive person and a precognitive one is the same as being a highly perceptive person and a soothsayer. Intuition is extremely useful in life and work and guides decision-making. It is instinctive knowing supported by the five senses. Premonition is an unexplained 'sixth sense' — extrasensory perception.

Precognition is predicting future often inaccurately or vaguely, that modern day Nostradamuses do. Sometimes their predictions can be pretty silly and are mostly false. And in many cases their predictions about themselves fail the test of reality.

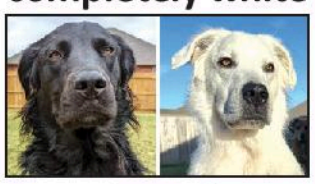
Given a choice what would you do? Rely on intuition which has developed due to life experiences, is very much a part of you, and has evidence of having gone through a similar situation before? Or rely on some astrologer, tarot card reader, palmist, numerologist's predictions? Question is, how well does this 'psychic' know you? It would be better to ask your spouse, family elder, friend, mentor for advice. They do it for free!

The only way to test whether a strong feeling is right, it helps to throwback and analyse past situations similar to the one you are in now. When you relate present circumstances with similar past ones, what helped more often — intuition or premonition? Did you succeed or merely wishfully thought then? Premonition is always a flighty feeling. It passes when circumstances change. Intuition is the well of resources that is always with you, all the time.

—Sridhar Sachidananda in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Black dog with vitiligo turns completely white



New York: Over the course of two years, a black dog turned completely white due to vitiligo, a condition in which the skin and hair lose their natural pigment.

In late 2021, at the age of two, Buster was diagnosed with vitiligo. The condition is caused by an autoimmune disease that causes areas of the skin, hair, muzzle, and lips, as well as the oral and facial mucosa, to lose pigment or colour. Buster's owner, Matt Smith, was told to keep an eye out for skin irritation, but other than that the dog's health wasn't going to be affected.

At first, Matt noticed small white patches around Buster's eyes, nose, and chin, but nine months after the vitiligo diagnosis, the dog's face was peppered with spots. Today, Buster has gone from completely black to an immaculate white.

Man sends over 50 food orders to ex-girlfriend

Izmir: An unknown person believed to be a scorned ex-boyfriend placed over 50 food orders at multiple restaurants in Izmir, Turkey, and sent them all to the same address.

The incident took place last week, at around 9:00 pm, when over two dozen couriers showed up in front of an apartment building on Çimen Street, in Izmir's Balçova district. The unusual gathering was captured on video by passers-by and the clips shared on Turkish social media quickly went viral. It wasn't long before the press got involved and started investigating the story. It turns out that a person took advantage of Turkish food delivery app Yemeksepeti's cash-on-delivery option to place several orders under fake names and send them all to the same address.

Over 50 orders went out to the same address at about the same time, and multiple videos show 25 delivery guys waiting in front of the same building to collect payment.

HEALTH CAPSULE

The symptoms of urinary tract infection are burning in urine, frequent urination, passing blood in urine, lower abdomen pain associated with fever with chills.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T P - Consultant - Urology and Andrology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Mysuru cyclists excel at Nationals

Mysuru, Apr. 28- The cyclists of Mysuru District Cycling Association (MDCA), who took part in the 20th National Cycling Championship held at Panchkula in Haryana recently, have bagged the Overall Championship Runners-up trophy.

K.V. Vyshakh - Silver Medal (Men elite Category); H.R. Lakshmish - Silver Medal (U23 Men Category); S.T. Dhananjay - 2 Silver Medals (Men Junior Category); Samarpan Jain - 1 Silver Medal (Men Junior Category); Karen Marshal - 1 Silver & 1 Bronze Medal (Women Junior Category); C. Ruchir, H.N. Nagasiri, Aradhana Santosh, Charith Gowda and Ashish P. Poumai have represented Mysuru and Karnataka State.

MDCA office-bearers have honoured all the Mysuru cyclist who represented Karnataka State at the National Championship.

President Arun Patil, Hon. President Ramesh Narasiah, Vice-President B. Manjunath, Secretary N. Lokesh and Cycling Coach Fariyal Jamadar were present.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM	KABINI DAM	HARANGI DAM
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Today's level **81.33 feet**	Today's level **2,260.25 feet**	Today's level **2,824.67 feet**
Last year's level **88.48 feet**	Last year's level **2,259.45 feet**	Last year's level **2,820.49 feet**
Yesterday's level **81.52 feet**	Friday's level **2,260.65 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,824.79 feet**
Today's Inflow **75 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **29 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **159cusecs**
Today's Outflow **984 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **800 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **200 cusecs**

REALLY...?

- *A crocodile cannot stick its tongue out.*
- *Ants take rest for around 8 Minutes in 12-hour period.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A farmer was praising his son before his neighbour, when the boy came up the road carrying a chicken. "Where did you get that chicken"? asked the farmer.
"Stole it," said the boy.
The farmer turned to his neighbour and said proudly, "This is my son. He may steal, but he won't tell a lie."

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

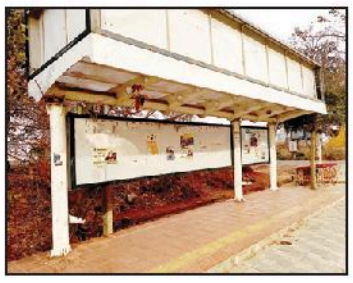
1 US Dollar	= 83.40
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 105.40
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.71
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.21

VOICE OF THE READER

Incomplete bus stop needs urgent attention

Sir,

Earlier, a bus shelter was constructed on the service road of the Ring Road near KEB (now named Balagangadharanatha Swami Circle, although not by any legal body).



However, it didn't serve any purpose since no city bus was plying on that road.

Subsequently, the authorities, likely acknowledging their error, began constructing another bus shelter on Viswamanava Double Road near the same Circle where buses from Somanathanagar were headed towards the city via Kuvempunagar.

However, this bus shelter has remained incomplete for many months as no seating has been installed. I urge the authorities to complete the bus shelter.

—B.G. Balaji

Kanakadasanagar

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Obituary

D.V.S. Iyer

Mysuru, Apr. 28- D.V.S. Iyer (97), former Professor of Civil Engineering at MIT, Manipal, former Executive Engineer at Kasturba Medical College and Hospital, Manipal, former Principal of Mulbagal Polytechnic, Mudra specialist and educator, passed away at his daughter's house in Coimbatore yesterday.

A resident of Mysuru, he is survived by his wife, two sons, three daughters, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites will be held tomorrow at 2 pm in Coimbatore, according to family sources.

V. Shivanna

V. Shivanna (84), a social worker, son of late Veerabhadrappa and a resident of Ramanuja Road in Fort Mohalla, passed away following age-related ailments at a private hospital in city yesterday night.

He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in Vidyaranyapuram this afternoon.

Bollachanda Jubie Parvathy

Bollachanda Jubie Parvathy (Kochamanda), wife of late B.M. Thimmaiah and a resident of No. 851, MIG, 2nd Stage, 1st Cross in Kuvempunagar, passed away yesterday in city. She was 76.

She is survived by a host of relatives and friends. Body was donated to JSS Hospital in city yesterday evening, according to family sources.

H.M. Mahadevappa

Bengaluru: H.M. Mahadevappa (52), Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) at Police Commissioner's Office in Bengaluru and a resident of Banaswadi, passed away in the wee hours of today in city. He had served as the Inspector at Metagalli Police Station in Mysuru.

He leaves behind his wife, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Hanakadaburu village in Kanakapura taluk this afternoon.

Prostate check up camp from tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 28- Suyog Hospital, Mysuru, will be conducting a week-long free Prostate check-up camp at its premises in Ramakrishnanagar from tomorrow (Apr. 29). People suffering from Urological problems can attend the camp. The camp will be open from 10 am to 6 pm on all the days till May 5.

For details and registration, contact Ph: 0821-2566966 or Mob: 99863-99862, according to a press release.

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CFTRI celebrates women achievers

Mysuru, Apr. 28- As part of International Women's Day 2024, CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru, celebrated "She Leads: Celebrating Women Achievers" function recently.

Chief guests (sitting from left) ***Dr. S. Rathnamma and Prema N. Mahendrakar with CFTRI Director Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh.***

International Women's Day theme for 2024 is 'Invest in Women: Accelerate progress." Also, 'Inspire inclusion" is the campaign theme for Women's Day, which emphasises the importance of diversity and empowerment in all aspects of society.

Dr. S. Rathnamma, Research Associate, JSS, Mysuru and Prema N. Mahendrakar from Mysuru, were the chief guests. Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh, Director, CSIR-CFTRI, presided. Dr. Poornima Priyadarshini, Principal Scientist, CFTRI, welcomed.

One of the chief guests Dr. Rathnamma is the first woman from Soliga community in Karnataka to earn a Ph.D. She works with Sai Pragathi Foundation to educate tribals, empower women and organise vocational training for women.

She also raises awareness about sickle cell disease, a genetic disorder that has killed many people in her tribal community.

Speaking about her childhood in forest, family history and coming over to Mysuru City for PU College and studies afterwards, Dr. Rathnamma said education can address many social issues among the State's forest tribes and also emphasised the importance of food and nutrition with respect to various indigenous leafy vegetables and tubers grown and available in the forest area. She also dwelt upon finger millet (ragi) and 10 varieties of it with reference to nutritional health aspect.

Prema, wife of late Dr. N. Mahendrakar, retd. Scientist & former Head, Meat Marine Sciences Dept., CFTRI, who lives in CFTRI Employees Layout, Bogadi, makes cloth bags (ANMOL) instead of plastic bags and distributes them to needy people. During COVID pandemic, she and her husband made cloth masks and distributed to retired staff and families in their layout.

Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh, the first woman Director of CSIR-CFTRI, spoke about how women should respect themselves and feel strong.

On the occasion, the Director felicitated both the chief guests Dr. Rathnamma and Prema Mahendrakar, who are leaders and achievers in their fields. CFTRI also felicitated 4 women entrepreneurs — Manasa of Saakya Foods, Hampapura village, H.D. Kote taluk; Parvathi and Team of Asare Sanjeevini food products, Bilikere village, Hunsur taluk; G. Shilpa of Hamasavahini Eco Products, Mysuru; Anitha Sadanand of Mamma Mills, Himmavu village, Nanjangud taluk, who have taken CSIR-CFTRI technologies and these entrepreneurs spoke about their success about their products of millets and fruits especially banana and gave samples of their products to the guests.

The event concluded with vote of thanks by V. Vanajakshi.

Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh felicitating women entrepreneurs who have taken CFTRI technologies.

VVCE hosts FDP on 'Design Thinking for Product Development'

Mysuru, Apr. 28- The Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, Vidyavardhaka College of Engineering (VVCE), Mysuru, had organised six-day Faculty Development Programme (FDP) on 'Design Thinking for Product Development' from Apr. 15 to 20 in association with IEEE Power Electronics Society, Bangalore Chapter and VVCE ISTE Chapter.

K.S. Sundar, Associate Vice-President, Infosys, was the chief guest.

Gundappa Gowda, President, Vidyavardhaka Sangha (VVS), Srishaila Ramannanavar, Treasurer, VVS, Dr. B. Sadashive Gowda, Principal, VVCE and Dr. K. Gopala Reddy, Head of the Department of Electrical & Electronics Engineering, presided over the inaugural session.

Faculty from various Universities and Colleges across the country took part in this event.

The participants delved into the fundamentals of design thinking, ideation, model-based systems engineering, prototyping and testing processes of various products.

Through hands-on activities, collaborative sessions and industry visits attendees gained invaluable insights and skills to foster innovation and enhance product development strategies.

NEWS BRIEFS

Summer health camp for children

Department of PG studies in Balaroga (Pediatrics), JSS Ayurveda Hospital, Lalithadripura Road, Alanahalli, is organising (special summer day care health camps) a medical camp on Skin Diseases from Apr. 29 to May 4 from 9 am to 4.30 pm, at its premises. Children suffering from conditions like vitiligo, urticaria, scabies, fungal infection, allergic skin conditions, dandruff, hair fall can avail the benefit of the camp. [Ph: 0821-2548231 or Mob: 70122-44606]

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TODAY'S MATCHES (APRIL 28)

GT Vs **RCB**
Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad— **3.30 pm**

CSK Vs **SRH**
MA Chidambaram Stadium, Chennai — **7.30 pm**

TOMORROW'S MATCH (APRIL 29)

KKR Vs **DC**
Eden Gardens, Kolkata — **7.30 pm**

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

DC - 257 / 4 (20)
BEAT
MI - 247 / 9 (20)

LSG - 196 / 5 (20)
LOST TO
RR - 199 / 3 (19)

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Sub-castes within SC community must unite, opines former Mayor

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (MTY&BS)- Former Mayor Narayan has given a call for unity among the various sub-castes within the Scheduled Caste (SC) community, urging them to stand together against divisive forces. He warned that internal divisions among the sub-castes could ultimately lead to their demise.

Speaking at a State-level seminar titled "The Imperative of Unity among Left and Right Sub-castes to Combat Communalism and Safeguard the Constitution," organised by Charvaka at the Mini Theatre in Kalamandira on Thursday, Narayan emphasised the urgent need for solidarity.

He said, "The Constitution is currently facing threats from conspiratorial forces seeking to alter its foundations. Any such alteration would deprive the people of the benefits of reservation and government support, essentially reinstating systems of oppression. Therefore, all

Former Mayor Narayan (Centre) inaugurating the seminar at Mini Theatre in Kalamandira in Mysuru recently, as others look on.

sub-castes must set aside their differences and unite in defence of the Constitution. This can only be achieved by driving away communal forces."

He also addressed concerns regarding reservation policies, noting that the Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) have been granted reservations in violation of Constitutional provisions. Additionally, he highlighted the allocation of 10 percent reservation to the upper class, constituting three percent of the population, questioning the rationale behind this decision.

Narayan urged Dalits to discern the motives behind such policies, underlining the importance of understanding the implications of reservation extensions.

Dr. Krishnamurthy Chamaram questioned whether individuals from both the left and right sub-castes should only protest when there's a direct threat to the Constitution. He underscored that the Constitution is the foundation for the lives of all individuals in the country and provides essential humanitarian rights regardless of religion or caste. Therefore, any threat to the Constitution should prompt a collective outcry from all sections of society, he added.

Social activist AHINDA Jawarappa, who chaired the seminar, highlighted the lack of coordination among activists, politicians and officials as a key factor contributing to internal divisions among oppressed classes.

He stressed the urgent need for unity, warning of the impending threat if differences are not reconciled.

R.S. Doddanna, Shivaprasad M.C. Hundi and the head of Charvaka Girish Machalli were present.

Sex determination case

Case registered against 17 touts; action sought

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (KS)- Udayagiri Police have registered a case against 17 middlemen in the sex (gender) determination and female foeticide cases that shook the State in Mandya. These 17 touts had shared the commission money among themselves.

Based on the complaint from Mysuru District Family Welfare Officer, Udayagiri Police have registered a case under IPC Section 1860 (U/S 312, 314, 315, 316) The Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act 1971 (U/S-4) against 17 agents including Shivananjegowda, Nayan Kumar and Sunanda.

Shivananjegowda, Nayan Kumar and Sunanda in a bid to make money illegally, used to

determine the gender of foetus of pregnant women coming to their laboratories and also of women brought by Siddesh, Puttaraju, A.L. Sathya, Abhishek Gowda, Dhananjay Gowda and others, who acted as middlemen.

Nayan Kumar, who used to bring pregnant women to the laboratory, set up at a jaggery unit in the agricultural fields at Hadya village, Mandya district belonging to one Naveen Kumar, where the gender of the foetus were determined. If the foetus was confirmed to be a female, such women were sent to a hospital and a Ayurveda Day Care Centre in Mysuru, where the foetus were terminated and disposed off.

If the pregnant women did not want to get their foetus aborted in these places, they were sent to another hospital in Mysuru and the foetuses were being aborted without the knowledge of the doctors and hospital owner.

The commission was either given directly or deposited in the bank account of agents,

In his complaint, Mysuru District Family Welfare Officer has sought legal action against the accused.

CM Siddaramaiah visits ailing MP Sreenivasa Prasad at hospital

Bengaluru, Apr. 28 (BLU&DM)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah visited ailing Chamarajanagar BJP MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad at Manipal Hospital on Airport road here on Saturday and enquired about his health.

Siddaramaiah spoke to the family members of Prasad, who is undergoing treatment at the Hospital's ICU and enquired about the health condition of Prasad.

Meanwhile the Hospital chief

Siddaramaiah Sreenivas Prasad

Dr. Sudarshan Ballal said that Prasad is being treated at the Hospital's ICU for the past few days.

Pointing out that Prasad had been undergoing regular health check-ups in the Hospital for the past two years, he said that he was admitted to the Hospital on Apr. 22 after he suffered swelling in his legs and difficulty in breathing. He was immediately put in the ICU for treatment. Prasad has been responding to the treatment and his health condition has improved since last night, he said adding that the MP responded to his family members last evening.

Transgenders show little interest in voting

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (MTY&DM)- It seems that transgenders have shown little interest in voting, going by the numbers they have voted in the LS polls from Mysuru-Kodagu Lok Sabha constituency held on Friday.

There were 184 trangender voters who have been classified as 'others' category in Mysuru-Kodagu LS seat. Also these voters were issued voter ID cards. But despite the regular campaign by SVEEP (Systematic Voters Education and Electoral Participation) Committee in the run up to the polls, only 39 of the 184 transgender voters exercised their franchise, while 145 abstained from voting.

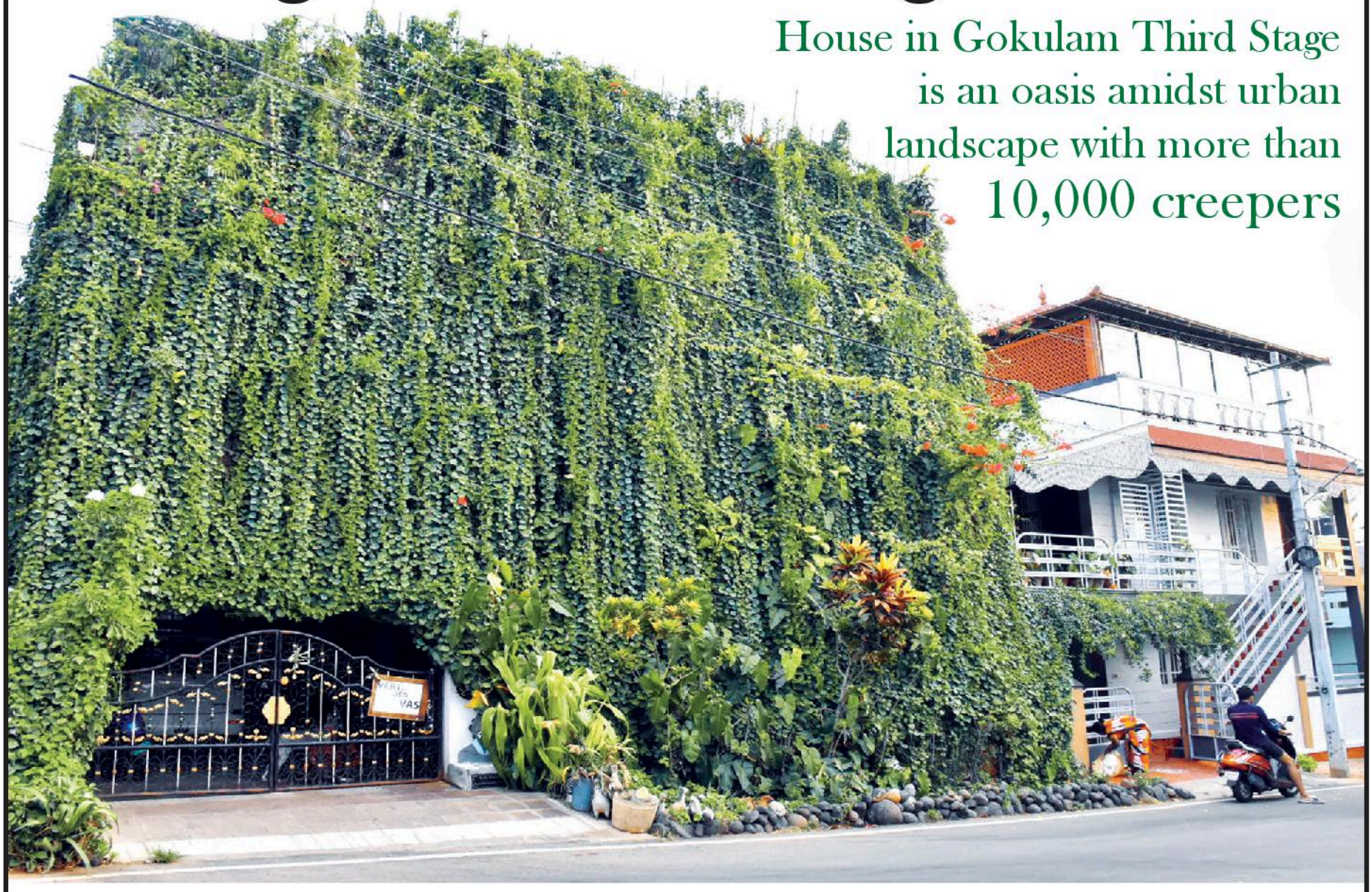
Although 9 from others category in Madikeri Assembly segment and 7 in Virajpet Assembly segment had found place in the electoral rolls, none voted in the polls held on Friday. Also, only 2 out of 4 voted in Periyapatna, 8 out of 16 in Hunsur, 7 out of 34 in Chamundeshwari, 4 out of 28 in K.R. 5 out of 32 in Chamaraja and only 13 out of the 54 in N.R. Assembly segment voted.

This figure is very disappointing considering that the SVEEP Committee did its best to ensure a high voter turnout in Mysuru-Kodagu LS seat.

However, the voting percentage in others category is higher than what was recorded in the 2019 LS polls, when only 19 of the 153 voters had exercised their franchise.

Beating the heat with a green home

House in Gokulam Third Stage is an oasis amidst urban landscape with more than 10,000 creepers



Mysuru, Apr.28 (MK&VNS)- Imagine living in a home where the melodic chirping of birds fills the air and lush hanging vertical gardens offer respite from the blazing sun.

Such is the idyllic setting enjoyed by the residents of a home nestled in Gokulam Third Stage, along the 10th Main Road, 11th Cross — a veritable oasis amidst the urban landscape.

Benjamin Vaz, a devoted nature enthusiast, has transformed his dwelling into a verdant sanctuary, shielding it from the scorching heat with a profusion of greenery. Hailing from Somwarpet in Kodagu, Benjamin has not only cultivated a diverse array of plant species but has also curated an extensive collection of artefacts, offering a captivating glimpse into our rich cultural heritage.

From intricately carved stone sculptures to delicate sea shells, ceramics and wooden carvings, his collection is a testament to his passion for preserving history. Adding to the allure of his home are his beloved love birds and dogs.

Formerly a priest at St. Philomena's Church, Benjamin finds support in his endeavours from his wife, Prof. Rita and their sons, Jordan Vaz and Zayan Vaz. Together, they meticulously tend to the flourishing garden, preserving the sculptures and artefacts, ensuring that their home remains a haven of tranquillity and cultural richness.

For Benjamin Vaz and his family, their home is not merely a place of residence, but a sanctuary where nature's beauty intertwines with cherished memories.

The house boasts an impressive facade adorned with over 10,000 lush creepers, while the terrace showcases an array of large pots housing a diverse selection of plants. In addition to the ornamental greenery, the presence of medicinal plants within the household has proven beneficial for the health and well-being of the family members.

Despite the abundance of vegetation, concerns regarding the potential presence of snakes have been mitigated through the cultivation of the 'Nagathali' plant, effectively warding off reptilian intruders.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Benjamin shared insights into his green journey, which began in 2005, approximately two decades after relocating to Mysuru. "Around ten years ago, I intensified my efforts in plant cultivation, resulting in remarkable transformations. Our premises now boast an impressive variety of creepers, including grapevines," he elaborated.

The integration of medicinal and Ayurvedic herbs into their home has not only enhanced the aesthetic appeal but also contributed to the family's holistic well-being.

Emphasising the significance of plant cultivation in combating the challenges posed by global warming, Benjamin highlighted his previous endeavours in Kodagu, where he cultivated a diverse range of flora.

"While Mysuru was once spared from extreme temperatures, the changing climate necessitates proactive measures," he remarked. Visitors to his home have admired his green initiatives, acknowledging the positive impact.

Over 80 dogs take part in breed championship

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (BLU&KS)- The Hardwicke School Grounds on JLB Road near RTO Circle in the city bustled with activity this morning as dog lovers gathered to witness the 1st and 2nd All Breed Championship, organised by the Mysore Royal Canine Club, affiliated with the United Kennel Club Bharath.

Participants hailing from Mysuru, Bengaluru, Ooty and beyond showcased over 80 beloved pets at the event. Dr. A.S. Ravi, an international judge from Tamil Nadu, presided over the competition, evaluating the dogs based on criteria including physique, health and behaviour.

Approximately 70 pet owners had registered their dogs for the show, with an anticipated participation of over 120 pet dogs by the event's conclusion at 4 pm today.

An impressive array of exotic breeds graced the competition, including Rottweilers, Siberian Huskies, Miniature Pinschers, American Bullies, Chow Chows, Pit Bulls, German Shepherds, Belgian Malinois, Saint Bernards, Golden Retrievers and more.

To ensure the comfort of the furry contestants, pet owners came prepared with fans and coolers, while the organisers provided ice to combat the heat.

The highlight of the event will be the presentation of the championship trophy to the top-performing dog, with all participating pet dogs receiving well-deserved medals.

Additionally, a separate trophy awaits the winner in the prestigious 'Best in Show' category.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa, President of the Mysore Royal Canine Club Saravana Kumar, along with club office-bearers and other dignitaries were present.

Bhakti brought into being by

Vidyabhushana and Ganjifa Raghupathi Bhat

Singer Vidyabhushana is seen singing devaranamas as artist Ganjifa Raghupathi Bhat draws Lord Ranganatha, on the concluding day of 134th Sri Ramothsava Sangeethothsava-2024 organised by Sri Ramabhyudhaya Sabha at Smt. Alammana Choultry in Srirampet on Apr. 26. Pradeshachar on violin, H.L. Shivashankar Swamy on mridanga and M.R. Manjunath on ghata are accompanying the singer. Picture right shows noted singer Vidyabhushana is seen with artist Ganjifa Raghupathi Bhat and his artwork.

On the last day of the Ramotsava series of Ramabhyudhaya Sabha at Smt. Alammana Choultry in Srirampet, mass Vishnu Sahasranama recital was organised by the Sabha, in which more than 200 devotees participated. Prior to the recital, a lecture on the significance of Vishnu Sahasranama was given by city's well-known Sanskrit scholar Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao.

Popular singer **Vidyabhushana** gave a vocal recital at 7 pm. He was accompanied on violin by young **Pradeshachar**, on mridanga by **H.L. Shivashankar Swamy** and on ghata by **M.R. Manjunath.**

The other attraction of the concert was Ganjifa Art by artist Ganjifa Raghupathi Bhat, who created beautiful art according to the theme of the songs chosen.

When you think of Kannada devotional music, the first name that comes to your mind is Vidyabhushana. An accomplished singer who gives regular concerts, Vidyabhushana is one of the most sought-after singers of Haridasa compositions.

His performances and recordings have garnered wide spread acclaim and he is a beloved figure in the world of Kannada devotional music. The present concert which lasted for two hours, was, like his many later concerts, a combination of classical kritis and devotional songs.

The artiste commenced his concert with 'Daya MAdo Ranga Daya mAdo' in Kalyani composed by Purandaradasaru. 'RAmachandram bhAvayAmi' by Muthuswami Dikshitar was the next piece in Vasanta set to Rupaka tala, rendered in totally classical style as the composition demands, with also swarakalpana developed for the pallavi. During the singing of this composition, a beautiful sketch of Rama's battle with Indrajit was created with also a vanara trying to throw a rock at Indrajit. Rama's posture of raising his bow in the battle was extraordinary. A shloka 'ShrigAra sindhum' on Swami Ranganatha followed by the composition 'Raksha mAm rangEsha ravikOtisankAsham' by Sripadarajaru tuned in Shuddha Dhanyasi and also the next composition 'Ishtu dina vaikunta eshtu dooravO enutalidde' by Kanakadasaru also on Lord Ranganatha were steeped in bhakti.

During this rendition Ganjifa Raghupathi Bhat brought into being Lord Ranganatha's reclining position, which was greatly applauded by the main artiste on the stage and all the audience. A short ragalapana of Mohana led to Gopaladasaru's 'Pore emma swami jagadantaryami', during the rendition of which the vocalist also developed neraval at 'marajanaka ninna kOri bandeno', and after this tani was allowed.

Shivashankar Swamy and M.R. Manjunath combined well to present a tani replete with interesting rhythms.

The next song on Krishna by Bannanje Govindacharya also in Mohana had interesting lyrics. 'Navilugari baNNa, iva namma kaNNa, kottudanu uNNa,mukkuvanu manna, tereyisalu namma kaNNa' was received with smiles. Purandara Dasaru's 'RAmanAmava nuDi nuDi kAmakrOdhagaLa biDi biDi' in Yaman kalyani was prefixed by a shloka on Rama - 'Sri RAma RAmaRAmEti' from Vishnu sahasranama. Ugaboga 'hari sulabhano tannavaranu aregaLige biTTagalano' and 'Malagi pADidare kuLitu kELvano' in Hindola led to 'madhukara vrutti ennadu' by Purandaradasaru popularised by Vidyabhushana himself, which was rendered with vigour.

What makes Vidyabhushana's concerts interesting is the fact that he always brings in unheard compositions of Haridasas in unforgettable tunes and his clarity of diction is amazing. He pronounces the words with utmost clarity, splitting them where they properly need to, without losing the musical fervour. 'Maneyinda santosha kelavarige lokadoLu dhandinda santosha kelavarige' in Shuddha Saveri by Sripadarajaru was followed by another composition of Purandaradasaru 'Sundara mUruti namma mukhyaprANa banda namma manege' in Amrutavarshni. The concluding devaranama was a popular one of Vidyabhushana 'Eshtu SAhasavanta neenE balavanta ishta mUruti namma bhaLire Hanumanta' on Lord Hanuman, during the singing of which a rather angry painting of Hanuman was created by Ganjifa Raghupathi Bhat.

Pradeshachar's strong grooming let him unleash a variety of bowing and fingering techniques. His vast concert experience with Vidyabhushana has helped him to provide the filling gaps complementing the compositions. Shivashankar Swamy made up for the main artiste's voice issue with his bold strokes.

The Ramotsava music series of Ramabhyudaya sabha 2024 concluded with this concert.

—Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan

Nearly 30 percent of voters abstain in Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (BLU&DM)- With the Lok Sabha (LS) polls for Mysuru-Kodagu seat having done on Apr. 26, it has been found that nearly 30 percent of the voters abstained from voting, which goes to show the irresponsibility of this section of voters.

Out of the 20,92,222 voters in the Constituency, only 14,77,571 voters have exercised their franchise in the all important LS-2024 polls. This figure comes as a disappointment for the District Administration which had made all efforts for recording a high voter turnout of over 85 percent in the Constituency.

The SVEEP committee had come up with many activities to ensure a high voter turnout, which included conduct of an electoral festival a day before Ugadi festival, radio and doordarshan programmes, enactment of street plays, release of balloons at public joints, holding rallies, bike rallies etc. But despite the hectic efforts of the District Administration, the turnout is disappointing considering the fact that citizens have the responsibility of electing their representative to the Lok Sabha. This is despite the fact that the Government had declared a public holiday on Voting day(Apr.26) and other private and commercial establishments had declared paid holiday on that day. But the voter turnout is not on expected lines, which has disappointed the District Administration.

However, the people of Kodagu district have displayed their responsibility by recording a higher voting percentage as compared to Mysuru district. While Madikeri Assembly segment recorded an impressive poll percentage of 75.41, Virajpet segment recorded a poll percentage of 73.88.This number is a significant one as the two Assembly segments are geographically hilly in nature. On the other hand, the lower voter turnout in all the three Mysuru city Assembly segments - KR (60.87 percent), Chamaraja (60.98) and NR (65.55), pulled down the overall voter turnout (70.62 percent) in the Mysuru-Kodagu LS Constituency.

The lower voter turnout is largely attributed to the extended weekend holidays - Friday (Apr. 26) was a declared public holiday for polls, while Apr. 27 was fourth Saturday, a Government holiday and Apr. 28 was Sunday, a General holiday.

Many voters seem to have taken this opportunity for undertaking tours, while skipping their important duty of voting. But it is somewhat satisfactory to note that the poll percentage is a tad higher as compared to the 2019 LS polls.

With the voting in the Constituency far below the expected lines, many members of the public have demanded that voting be made mandatory. These people argue that deprivation of Government facilities and benefits for non-voters, will surely go a long way in ensuring maximum voter turnout.

Also, such a measure will help people engage actively in the voting process to elect the political representative of their choice. This will also help stop the citizens from blaming or cursing the elected representatives for lack of development and infrastructure.

Fishes dying due to heat at Kukkarahalli Lake

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (MTY&KS)- Summer heat is not only causing hardships to human beings and animals but the extreme heat is killing fishes in Kukkarahalli Lake since four to five days.

Today the morning walkers saw about 40 to 50 dead fishes floating in the lake. As birds do not eat the dead fishes, they were decaying, resulting in foul smell emanating from it forcing the walkers to cover their nose. The walkers were curious to know whether the Lake was getting polluted.

Meanwhile, University of Mysore's Horticulture Department Assistant Director Muzawar, speaking to *SOM* said that the fishes were dying since three to four days due to extreme heat.

Pointing out that there was a delay in clearing dead fishes from the lake due to election duty, he said that steps are being taken to clear the dead fishes.

Jain Muni arrives in city from Shravanabelagola

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At the Sri Parshwanatha Digambara Jain Mandira, the Acharya was honoured with a shower of flower petals, followed by the sacred ritual of feet washing, symbolising the divine connection between the spiritual guide and the devoted followers.

Expressing gratitude, G.T. Devegowda extended blessings for abundant rains and prosperity across the State, while Srivatsa echoed aspirations for cultural enrichment and agricultural prosperity under the benevolent guidance of the revered Acharya.

During his three-day stay in Mysuru, the Seer will impart special spiritual discourses, fostering spiritual growth among devotees. Tomorrow, a visit to the Ganapathy Sachchidananda Ashrama is scheduled before his departure for Bengaluru on Tuesday, Apr. 30, announced community leader Suresh Kumar Jain.

The event witnessed the presence of community leaders, including senior advocate Harish Kumar Hegde, Bharat Raj B.S. Santosh Prakash, Simantini, V. Bharat, Lakshmish Babu, Jinendra Prakash, Dharanendra and others, reaffirming the collective commitment to uphold the cherished traditions of Jain culture.

Rejuvenation of four lakes

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Guided by BJS Pune, this initiative, envisioned by founder Shantilalji Muttha, aims to ensure equitable water access for all while also providing fertile silt to farmers to enhance agricultural productivity.

This morning the fourth desilting project began with earthmovers at the lake within the Mysore Pinjrapole Society Campus.

Wetland expert and water conservationist U.N. Ravikumar commended the initiative, offering valuable insights and guidance to the team on safeguarding the ecosystem and implementing an optimal desilting process to preserve the integrity of the lakes.

Ravikumar said that urgent action is imperative to mitigate the impact of water shortage, emphasising the imperative of comprehensive strategies for lake restoration and sustainable water resource management.

The first lake desilting project, initiated at T. Katoor on Apr. 15, has been progressing seamlessly without interruption. Over 1,300 tractor loads of nutrient-rich silt have been provided to neighbouring farmers at no cost, facilitating agricultural productivity in the region.

Following suit, the second desilting endeavour began at Gujjegowdanapura on Apr. 17, witnessing enthusiastic participation from local farmers who eagerly carted away approximately 1,200 tractor loads of fertile soil to augment water storage capacity.

The overwhelmingly positive response from farmers underscores the tangible benefits of these initiatives.

In commemoration of Bhagwan Sri Mahaveer Janm Kalyanak Mahotsav, the third lake desilting project was inaugurated at Gollanbeedu Sargur, Bogadi Road, Mysuru, on Apr. 21.

The projects are sponsored by Abhay Firodia of Force Motors, Kailashchandji Derasaria and Sukhraj Vinayakiya family. These ongoing efforts, sustained by farmer demand for fertile soil, aim not only to enhance water storage capacity but also to elevate groundwater levels and provide invaluable nutrient-rich silt to support agricultural activities.

Dignitaries National Secretary (Organisation) BJS India Dinesh Palrecha, President, Mysore Pinjrapole Society Sumathilal Pagaria, Secretary Sri Vinod Khabia, President of Sri Sumathinath Jain Swetambar Murthypujak Sangh Bherumal Rathod, President of Sri Sthanakvasi Jain Sangh Subash Dhoka, President of Sri Terapanth Jain Sangh Prakash Chand Dak were present.

District President BJS Mysuru and Project Coordinator Praveen Lunkar, Committee members Rajesh Sancheti, Ashok Salecha, Kushal Palrecha, Deepak Bohra, Prakash Srisrimaal, Vimal Pitliya, Rajan Baghmar, Manohar Sankhla, Nemichand Badola, Mahaveer Derasaria, Abhishek Singhavi, Suresh Derasaria, Hitesh Shah, Nikhil Vohra, Nisha Ramsina, Prakash Gandhi, Mahaveer Dhoka, Shivangi Bhandari, Bhumika Gulecha, Swaraj Jain were present.

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Cmde. Rajesh Sharma inspects Sainik School Kodagu

Kushalnagar, Apr. 28 (AG)- The Annual Inspection by Sainik Schools Society was carried out at the Sainik School Kodagu on Apr. 23 by Cmde. Rajesh K. Sharma, the Inspecting Officer, Sainik Schools Society, New Delhi.

The Officer, at the helm of affairs of Ministry of Defence, is taking care of all the 33 Sainik Schools and the newly opened Sainik Schools under PPP mode functioning under the aegis of Sainik Schools Society, Ministry of Defence.

On his arrival, Cmde Rajesh Sharma was welcomed by Col. Amar Jeet Singh, Principal, Sainik School Kodagu. The Inspecting Officer offered his tributes to the war heroes by laying wreath at the 'Wall of Heroes.'

The Officer was welcomed with a guard of honour and a special Assembly was conducted. The new Prefectorial body of Sainik School Kodagu for the year 2024-25 took oath during the Investiture Ceremony.

The Officer conferred rank badges to meritorious cadets. Cadet Aditya Kumar took charge as School's Cadet Captain. The School Appointments took a solemn oath to uphold the school motto of valour, determination and honesty in high esteem and discharge their duties to the best of their ability and trust bestowed on them.

Cdt. Deepti and team presented a welcome dance while welcome song was presented by Cdt. Raman and team.

In his address, the Inspecting Officer encouraged the cadets to embrace open-mindedness, ambition, humility and approachability. He emphasised the importance of the newly appointed cadets leading by example and acting as role models for their peers.

Cmde. Sharma urged the cadets to explore and embrace local art forms to preserve the region's rich heritage.

During his visit the Officer inspected the utilisation of government funds and the ongoing projects in the school. He also reviewed various academic and training activities including sports, games activities and facilities, horse riding arena, skating rink etc.

The school's contribution in terms of number of cadets entering into NDA and preparation towards UPSC - NDA examination were also reviewed. Cadets' academic performance in Class X and XII CBSE examinations were appreciated by the Inspecting Officer.

Wg. Cdr. P. Prakash Rao, Administrative Officer, Sqn. Ldr. Manpreet Singh, Vice-Principal, Senior Master, Staff Members, NCC and PI Staff and cadets were present on the occasion.

JSS STU students shine at 8th National Techno Exhibition-2024

Seen are** (sitting from left) **Prof. B.S. Ravishankar, Prof. S.A. Dhanaraj, Registrar, Prof. A.N. Santosh Kumar, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. C. Nataraju, Dean Engineering and I/c Principal of SJCE and Prof. M.H. Sidram, HoD, EEE with** (standing) **P. Smitha Hegde, K. Manasa, H.L. Sujai and Parvez Khan.

Mysuru, Apr. 28- The students of **JSS Science and Technology University (JSS STU),** Mysuru, have won 2nd place in the 8th National Techno Exhibition-2024 organised recently at Dr. Ambedkar Institute of Technology, Bengaluru and received a cash prize of Rs. 50,000.

Students from Electrical and Electronics Engineering (EEE) Department presented their project 'Physio Assistive Device' which works as a medical equipment. The project on cardiovascular diseases, which is responsible for a significant global death toll, pose a challenge due to limited continuous vital sign monitoring tools. However, IoT technologies have revolutionised disease management magnificently. An advanced solution,the Physio Assistive Device, integrates sensors for real-time monitoring, enabling remote patient observation and personalised treatment. This transformative approach enhances patient outcomes and quality of life.

Students Parvez Khan, H.L. Sujai, K. Manasa and P. Smitha Hegde were guided by Prof. B.S. Ravi Shankar and Prof. M.H. Sidram, HoD of EEE.

35th birthday of 11th Panchen Lama celebrated at Bylakuppe

Bylakuppe, Apr. 28 (BRR)- The Tashi Lhunpo Monastery resonated with jubilant festivities on Apr. 25 as the community gathered to honour the 35th birthday of His Holiness the 11th Panchen Lama Tenzin Gendun Choeki Nyima Rinpoche.

The celebration, attended by over 1,100 individuals, commenced with a solemn long life prayer session conducted by the monks of Tashi Lhunpo Monastery at the Assembly prayer hall from 6 am to 8 am.

Dawa Tsultim, Secretary of the Health Office of the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), led the congregation in the Sang Prayer, a sacred ritual symbolising unity and blessings.

Dignitaries including the Representative Abbot of Tashi Lhunpo Monastery and Jigmet Tsultim, Chief Representative Officer of the South Zone, along with representatives from various monasteries, nunneries, officials and organisations from around Mysuru District, graced the ceremony.

Following the Sang Prayer, the attendees witnessed the unveiling of a portrait picture of His Holiness the 11th Panchen Lama, a moment marked by humility and reverence.

The festivities continued with prayers and a joyous cake-cutting ceremony. Speeches by the Representative Abbot of Tashi Lhunpo Monastery and chief guest Dawa Tsultim underscored the profound impact of His Holiness' teachings and contributions to Tibet's spiritual and cultural heritage.

As part of the celebration, awards were presented to the winners of poetry competition and a new magazine was launched, showcasing literary talents within the community.

The event concluded with vote of thanks by Kachen Jamyang, Administration Officer of Tashi Lhunpo Monastery, expressing gratitude to all participants for their support and dedication in making the celebration a success.

Cameraman and Kachen Rigzin Nurbu diligently captured the essence of the event. The birthday celebration of His Holiness the 11th Panchen Lama exemplified the enduring reverence and devotion of the community towards their beloved spiritual leader.

Representative Abbot, chief guest Dawa Tsultim, Chief Representative Officer Jigmet Tsultim, representatives from monasteries and nunneries were present.

Yaduveer Wadiyar had 'sweet & bitter' experiences in hustings

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (BLU&BS)- Member of the erstwhile Mysore Royal Family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar who is in the fray in recently concluded Lok Sabha elections as BJP candidate from Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency had both sweet and bitter experiences during the campaign trail.

Speaking to media persons at his office in Kuvempunagar on Saturday, Yaduveer who is in a relax mood after sweating hard in the hustings for over a month, said "I have learnt newer lessons from the bitter experience I had during the canvass."

"Following the conclusion of polls, I won't prefer to take rest, but will be active as always, but have been finishing the previous commitments," said Yaduveer who has plans to go to Bengaluru and several other places and meet a few people to thank them in the coming days.

Yaduveer who will be campaigning for BJP at Gorakhpur and Ayodhya Lok Saba Constituencies (in Uttar Pradesh) also expressed his readiness to canvass for the party in North Karnataka (that is going to elections in the second phase on May 7) if the leaders invite him.

"I am confident of romping home with a thumping victory, but not sure about the margin of victory," claimed Yaduveer, who also exuded confidence of BJP emerging triumphant not just in the State, but also across the nation, winning the seats as per the estimate.

Active throughout the day

A day after the election on Saturday, Yaduveer was at his usual self, unlike others who prefer to lounge at resorts by switching off their cell phone.

Like earlier, Yaduveer went on a morning walk at the Palace premises for an hour from 6 am, the routine he had to skip ahead of the polls. He later visited his parents at their residence 'Kalpana' in Lakshmipuram here for breakfast and spent sometime with them.

He later went to his office in Kuvempunagar, where he collected feedback over phone from senior leaders of the party, on the pattern of voting in all the eight Assembly Constituencies coming under Mysuru-Kodagu LS seat.

Yaduveer also spoke to BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra over phone and the latter is learnt to have also given a positive feedback about his victory.

Yaduveer went through the media reports, mainly poring over *Mysuru Mithra*, the sister publication of *Star of Mysore*, in the company of his friend M.M. Nikhilesh.

Yaduveer Wadiyar going through the reports published in** Mysuru Mithra, **the sister publication of** Star of Mysore, **at his office in Kuvempunagar, yesterday.

Missed my son a lot

On missing his family during his busy campaign schedule, Yaduveer said "I was busily involved in campaigning for the last one month and had very much missed my son Aadyaveer. I was not able to give much time to him, except for a few moments in a day. It really used to pain me when he also expressed his feelings of missing me. Now that the election is over, I have got to spend some time with son and family members. My wife and mother cooperated with me during the election and will be ever grateful to them."

Polling booth vandalising case

25 accused arrested

Re-polling at Indiganatha village tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 28- The Election Commission has ordered re-polling in Indiganatha village at Hanur taluk in Chamarajanagar district, after the polling booth was vandalised by villagers who had boycotted the elections.

The re-polling in booth no. 146 at the village will be held tomorrow (Apr. 29) from 7 am to 6 pm.

The officials, who received information about villagers boycotting the elections, rushed to the village to convince the protesters during which a few villagers vandalised the polling booth at Indiganatha village coming under Male Mahadeshwara Hill Gram Panchayat limits in Hanur taluk.

Following the incident, the Police have arrested 25 accused. Those arrested include 15 women and 10 men, who have been remanded to judicial custody.

Based on separate complaints from Indiganatha Polling Booth PRO Basavanna and Hanur Tahsildar Guruprasad, a case was registered against over 250 villagers.

The village wore a deserted look as the villagers have fled fearing arrest. Additional Superintendent of Police Udesh, has been camping in the village from the day of the incident.

HDK, 'Star' Chandru in relax mood

H.D. Kumaraswamy

Star Chandru

Mandya, Apr. 28 (BS)- Former Chief Minister and Janata Dal (Secular)-BJP coalition candidate H.D. Kumaraswamy and his Congress rival Venkataramane Gowda (Star Chandru) have gone into a relax mood, after the conclusion of Lok Sabha election in Mandya Constituency on Friday.

For the last one month, both the candidates were involved in hectic campaigning taking out road shows, attending rallies and public meetings along with MLAs and local leaders. Adding to them, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar had been addressing the public rallies.

Kannada actor Darshan Thoogudeepa gave a star touch to the campaign by taking out a road show in favour of Congress nominee 'Star' Chandru.

Kumaraswamy who hit the campaign trail soon after convalescing from heart surgery in a Chennai hospital, involved himself like a busy bee for a fortnight. Not just Mandya Constituency, he had also extensively toured other LS Constituencies like Mysuru-Kodagu, Chamarajanagar (SC Reserve), Hassan, Bangalore Rural and three Constituencies in Bengaluru city, Tumkur, Chikkaballapur, Chikkamagaluru and Shimoga

Following the elections, he (HDK) has slipped into a relax mode at his farm house in Kethaganahalli near Bidadi. After two days, he will be leaving on a campaign tour of 14 Lok Sabha Constituencies in North Karnataka.

'Star Chandru' who felt tired in sweltering heat visited a part of the Constituency on the day of elections on Friday, left to Bengaluru for rest following day on Saturday.

Will score easy victory: Cong. candidate M. Lakshmana

M. Lakshmana** (centre) **addressing the media persons at the Congress Bhavan on JLB road in city as City Congress President R. Murthy and others look on.

Mysuru, Apr. 28 (MK&BS)- M. Lakshmana, Congress candidate in the recently concluded Lok Sabha election from Mysuru-Kodagu Constituency is confident of scoring an easy victory.

He was addressing media persons at Indira Gandhi Congress Bhavan on JLB road in the city on Saturday.

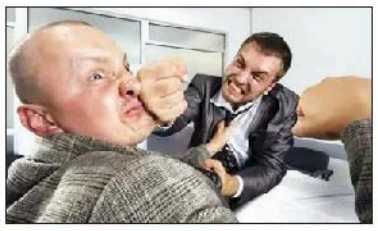
"I am confident of emerging victorious as I sought votes purely on development works, without targeting criticising anybody on the lines of religion. I am confident that the people have cast their votes in favour of our party," said Lakshmana.

If gone by the increase in voting percentage, there seems to be a wave in favour of the party that emboldens the spirit of democracy.

The minorities have voted in large numbers, with 85 percent of womenfolk voting in may favour, claimed Lakshmana.

WORD OF THE DAY

Assail



Pronunciation: uh-SAIL (Verb)
Meaning: Assail has a number of meanings relating to violent or powerful confrontations. It can be a straightforward synonym of assault, as in "assailed by armed robbers," or it can mean "to oppose, challenge, or criticise harshly and forcefully," as in "citizens assailing the proposed changes." It can also mean "to trouble or afflict in a way that threatens to overwhelm," as in "assailed by fears." Assail can also apply to powerful perceptions: a smell that assails you, for example, is strongly noticeable and usually unpleasant. Occasionally, assail is used to mean "to encounter, undertake, or confront energetically," as in "with a deadline fast approaching, we assailed the project with renewed vigor."
Origin: Assail comes, by way of Anglo-French, from the Latin verb assilire ("to leap upon"), which in turn comes from the Latin verb salire, meaning "to leap." (Salire is the root of a number of English words related to jumping and leaping, such as somersault and sally, as well as assault, a synonym of assail.) When assail was first used in the 13th century, it meant "to make a violent physical attack upon." By the early 15th century, English speakers were using the term to mean "to attack with words or arguments." Now the verb can apply to any kind of aggressive encounter, even if it is not necessarily violent or quarrelsome, as in "Upon entering the room, we were assailed by a horrible odour."
Example: "What does it even mean to be good in a world as complex as ours, when great inequity remains unaddressed and often seems too daunting to assail, and when seemingly benign choices—which shoes to buy, which fruit to eat — can come with the moral baggage of large carbon footprints or the under-compensated labour of migrant workers?" — Nancy Kaffer, The Detroit (Michigan) Free Press, 9 Jan. 2020

THE ODD WORD

Obrotund

Round but flattened on top and bottom.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Turn over a new leaf

Meaning: To 'Turn over a new leaf' means to start over, to act in a different manner or change your attitude about something.
Origin: Way back in the 16th century, pages in books were referred to as leaves. So tuning over a new leaf meant that one was turning to a blank page. This phrase was used to signify a major change in behaviour, or a new stage in life.
Example: "After years of drifting from job to job, Danny turned over a new leaf and got himself a steady gig."

QUOTE BOX

Ten people who speak make more noise than ten thousand who are silent.

—Napoleon Bonaparte

RIDDLE THIS

Two fathers and two sons are in a car, yet there are only three people in the car. How?

Answer: They are a grandfather, father and son.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Great ___ : big sort of a dog?
5 "Poet" anagram for a drink?
9 Brown-capped boletus mushroom - "EPC" anagram?
12 Saddam Hussein's country
13 Complain or nag; small bed for an infant
14 Have debts
15 Hindu lawgiver
16 Pardons of sin
18 Small weasel
20 To shelter
21 Having digits on foot
24 Main artery
27 Cyberspace
31 Take this if you want to shoot straight
32 The red planet
33 Genetic initials
34 Freudian terms
35 Menu item
36 Malady
38 Cut dramatically
41 Disposition
42 Tofu base
44 Snow vehicles
48 Gambling game
52 Dublin is its capital
53 Flightboard abbr.
54 Midday
55 Cut, snicker - "seen" anagram?
56 Food for cattle
57 Ex-England wicket keeper Leslie ___
58 Stitched

DOWN

1 Obscures or darkens
2 Smell _ __ : suspect foul play (1,3)
3 Billionth as a prefix
4 Makes uniform
5 Terminal Control Area, abbr.
6 A globe or sphere
7 Italian city
8 Deadly African disease
9 Reportage
10 Female sheep
11 Footlike organ
17 Zodiac name
19 Rocky hill
22 Wraps up
23 Jeans fabric
25 Uncles in Spain
26 Aeronautical Mobile Satellite Serv.
27 Devilish ones
28 Metal spike
29 Exchequer
30 Mexican food
34 Everlasting
37 Boxing results, abbr.
39 Peruvian coin
40 Scavenging African animal
43 Tiny particle
45 One in Bonn
46 Attracted
47 Observed
48 Cheer
49 Pray for us - ___ pro nobis ?
50 Pedal digit
51 Abstract being?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

A	L	M	A		D	E	C		D	R	U	G
D	E	A	F		A	N	A		V	I	C	E
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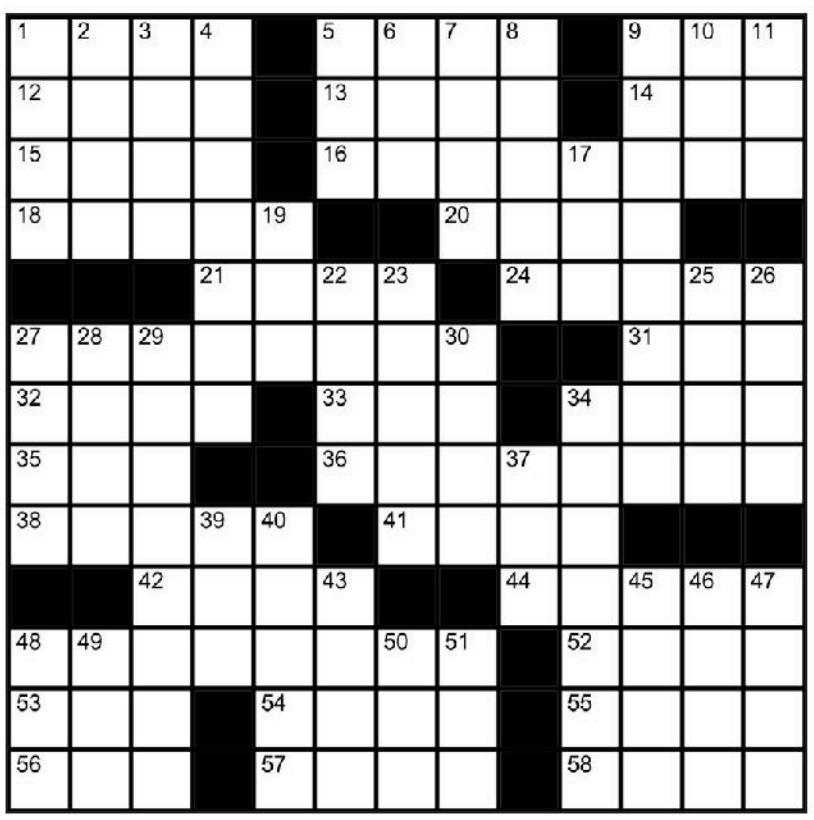

SUDOKU

		5			9	4		8
				7	4	3	5	
							1	
1					2		7	
	6						9	
	5		6					4
	2							
	3	8	4	6				
5		1	8			7		

Answer to previous puzzle

5	8	6	2	9	4	3	7	1
4	9	2	1	7	3	6	5	8
7	1	3	6	5	8	4	2	9
9	5	8	3	4	7	2	1	6
3	6	7	8	1	2	9	4	5
2	4	1	5	6	9	8	3	7
1	2	9	4	8	5	7	6	3
6	7	4	9	3	1	5	8	2
8	3	5	7	2	6	1	9	4

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

JKWXF FHL FSHLUC PSC YRITB GCFHKWC

XP FHL FSHLUC DCRDTC.

TODAY'S CLUE: D EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: A man doesn't know what he knows until he knows what he doesn't know.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Woodlands Theatre** — Ph: 2422871
  Rathnam (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Padma Theatre** — Ph: 2521923
  Rathnam (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** — Ph: 2452958
  Rathnam (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** — Mob: 99008-20093
  Rathnam (Ta) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** — Ph: 2443568
  Yuva (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** — Ph: 2420885
  Matinee (K) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** — Ph: 2520494
  Avatara Purusha 2 (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** — Mob: 98454-14691
  Athma (K) - 2 Shows; *Ithyadi (K)* - 2 shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** — Ph: 2423554
  Vaali (Ta) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Kung Fu Panda 4 (E-3D)	(S-1)	11.30 am
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	(S-1)	1.30 pm
Ghillie (Ta)	(S-1)	3.50 pm
Aavesham (Ma)	(S-1)	7 pm, 10.05 pm
Ithyadi (K)	(S-2)	11.30 am
O2 (K)	(S-2)	1.55 pm
Dasavarenya Sri Vijayadasaru (K)	(S-2)	4.15 pm
Varshangalkku Shesham (Ma)	(S-2)	7 pm
Pavi Caretaker (Ma)	(S-2)	10.10 pm
Rathnam (Ta)	(S-3)	1.10 pm, 4.10 pm
Yuva (K)	(S-3)	7.10 pm
Ruslaan (H)	(S-3)	10.10 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	(S-4)	1.45 pm
Ghostbusters Frozen Empire (E)	(S-4)	4.50 pm, 7.20 pm, 9.50 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Rathnam (Ta)	:	1.15 pm, 7.30 pm
Matinee (K)	:	1.30 pm
Yuva (K)	:	1.30 pm, 4.15 pm, 7.30 pm
Maaranaayudham (Te)	:	4.30 pm
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	:	7.15 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

Nexus Centre City Mall, 2nd Floor. Mob: 8951357139

Yuva (K)	:	10.10 am, 3 pm
Rathnam (Ta)	:	10.20 am, 1.35 pm, 3.25 pm 6.15 pm, 10 pm
Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire (E)	:	10.35 am, 1.25 pm, 4.35 pm 6.50 pm, 10 pm
Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire (H)	:	9.45 pm
Maidaan (H)	:	11.15 am
Aavesham (Ma)	:	12.05 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Ruslaan (H)	:	12.05 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	1.15 pm
Challengers (E)	:	1.50 pm, 4.50 pm 7.15 pm, 10.15 pm
Crew (H)	:	4.05 pm
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	:	7.35 pm
Suga: Agust D Tour D-Day (Korean)	:	7.40 pm
Pavi Caretaker (Ma)	:	9.30 pm

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Trailers Screening Show	:	11.25 am
Athma (K)	:	12 noon
Yuva (K)	:	12.20 pm, 6.15 pm, 9 pm
Rathnam (Ta)	:	12.45 pm, 4 pm, 7.15, 10.30 pm
Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire (E)	:	1.15 pm, 3.55, 6.35 pm, 9.15 pm
Ruslaan (H)	:	2.40 pm
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	:	3.35 pm
Aavesham (Ma)	:	5.40 pm, 9.30 pm

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 28)

- **Farmer's House, Agriculture, Rural Development and Environmental Awareness (ARDEA) Foundation:** Workshop titled 'Urban bee — The need to protect a helpful sting,' Apoorva, the Chairman of The Hive Trust and CEO of Kodagu Bee Farms Producer Company Limited in Virajpet, leads the workshop, Farmer's House, 1A, 13th Cross, Kalidasa Road, V.V. Mohalla, **5 pm.**
- **Surabhi Ganakalamandira, Gokulam:** 10th programme under the 'Aralu Prathibhe' series, Karnataka classical vocal concert by Manya Manjunath, accompanied by Prerana Praveen on violin and Shubhang Samaga on mridanga, **5 pm to 6.15 pm;** Prof. Dr. N.S. Tharanath felicitated city's senior Gamaka artiste, Vid. Krishnagiri Ramachandra, who has been bestowed with 'Kumaravyasa Gamaka Award' recently by the Government of Karnataka, **6.30 pm;** Gamaka programme on 'Sundarakanda in Thorave Ramayana' will be presented by Swathi Narasimhamurthy (in vachana) and senior scholar Vidu. Dr. Jyothi Shankar (in Vyakhyana), Suruchi Rangamane, Kuvempunagar, **7 pm onwards.**
- **Sri Ramakrishna Ashram, Mysuru:** Swami Sarvajayanandaji speaks on 'Sri Sri Rama Krishna Charite,' Ashram premises, Yadavagiri, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudhaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** 134th Sri Ramothsava Sangeethothsava-2024 of Sri Krodhinama Samvatsara, Devaranama by Impana and Group, Smt. Alammana Choultry, Kunchitigara Sangha, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**
- **Prakriti Food:** Iha (meaning 'here' or 'at the moment'), a unique programme celebrating the life and works of poet-saint Shishunala Sharif, Prakriti Food, opposite Wadiyar Architecture College, Lakshmipuram, **6.30 pm onwards.** [Mob: 94422-71525]
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of play 'Vriksha Raja,' directed by Heisnam Tomba, Bhoomigeeta auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Lions Club of Mysore Ambassadors - Region 05 - Zone 1:** World Earth Day and World Books Day celebrations, Dr. M.P. Varsha, Cultural Advisor to Vice-President, Government of Nepal, chief guest, Lion H.C. Kantharaju, retd. IFS, presides; Felicitation to State Rank Holders in 2nd PUC — K.H. Urvish Prashanth (2nd Rank) and Shreya Ganesh Iyer (5th Rank) — Ln. N. Rakesh and Ln. T.H. Venkatesh meeting host, Hotel Kalyani, Ring Road, **7 pm.**
- **Sri Rama Seva Mandali, Vidyaranyapuram:** 71st annual Sri Ramothsava, Devotional songs by Vidwan Raghavendra Rathnakar and troupe, Sri Avani Shankara Mutt, 4th Cross, Vidyaranyapuram, **7 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**
- **Sri Digambar Jain Samaj, Mysuru:** Grand welcome to Acharya 108 Sri Prasanna Sagara Muni, Fountain Circle, **7.30 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 29)

- **Sri Ramabhyudhaya Sabha Public Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** 134th Sri Ramothsava Sangeethothsava-2024 of Sri Krodhinama Samvatsara, Hanumanthothsava - Procession in Raja beedhi, Nadaswara Vidwan Parthasarathy & Team, **6.30 pm;** Mahamangalarathi & Prasada Viniyoga, Smt. Alammana Choultry, Kunchitigara Sangha, Srirampet, **8 pm.**
- **Nandu Associates, Mysuru and Nrityagiri Performing Arts & Research Centre, Mysuru:** Bhava Spoorthi - 23rd year Punyasmarane, Sugama Sangeetha by Shubha Raghavendra and R. Tanushree of Zee SaReGaMAPA fame, Veene Seshanna Bhavan, Ganabharathi, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm.**

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Rathnam (Ta)	:	11.30 am, 5.45 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	11.30 am
Ruslaan (H)	:	11.45 am, 2.45 pm, 9 pm
Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire (E)	:	12.10 pm, 3.45 pm, 5.20 pm 7.55 pm, 10.30 pm
Yuva (K)	:	12.30 pm, 2.45 pm, 6 pm
Godzilla X Kong: New Empire (E-3D)	:	2.45 pm
Aavesham (Ma)	:	6.20 pm, 9.40 pm
Varshangalkku Shesham (Ma)	:	9.15 pm

INOX Centro Mysore - Mob: 9606976757

Rathnam (Te)	:	10 am, 7.05 pm
Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire (E)	:	10.20 am, 12.55 pm 7.10 pm, 9.45 pm
Aavesham (Ma)	:	11 am, 3.45 pm, 10.20 pm
Ruslaan (H)	:	12.15 pm, 6.10 pm
O2 (2024) (K)	:	1.15 pm
Athma (K)	:	2.20 pm
Manjummel Boys (Ma)	:	3.15 pm
Maidaan (H)	:	3.30 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	5.05 pm
Pavi Caretaker (Ma)	:	5.45 pm
Yuva (K)	:	9 pm
Bade Miyan Chote Miyan (H)	:	9.10 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15.

Railways to roll out new-age Vande Metro

New Delhi, Apr. 28- After the huge success of semi-high speed Vande Bharat trains, the Indian Railways is planning to launch the country's first Vande Metro to transform the intra-city transportation system, said a senior official closely associated with the project.

"All preparations are going on to start its trial run from July 2024 so that its services can be offered to people as soon as possible," the official said.

Based on the latest technology to acquire high acceleration and deceleration which will help it cover more stoppages in less time, Vande Metro will have several new features keeping in mind the travel needs of the city dwellers.

"We have set a target to roll them out this year. Its testing will start in another couple of months. Besides having automatic doors and high comfort quotient, it will have many such features which are not available in currently running metro trains," the official said, adding the details of its additional features along with pictures will be shared for people very soon.

According to Railways sources, it will have a unique coach configuration in which four coaches will constitute one unit and a minimum of 12 coaches will make one Vande Metro. To start with, the Railways will launch a minimum of 12 Vande Metro coaches and will increase coaches up to 16 as per the demand on the route.

"Initially, we will have a 12-coach metro but it can be extended to 16 coaches depending on the demand and need of the city," the official said, adding the city which will have the first Vande Metro is also being worked out.

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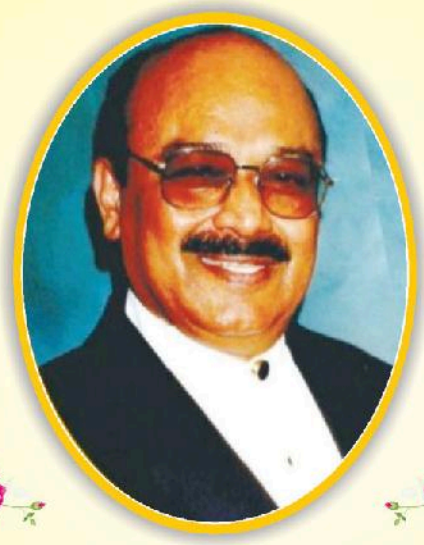

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